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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 **Expedited Procedure Requested** Examining Group. 3739

> Confirmation No. 3102 Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: J. LEUBECKER

In re application of: K. IWASAKA et al.

Application No.

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**Commissioner for Patents** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AF Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

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Tran	smitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.
	Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously
	filed statement.
	A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
	A Request for Extension of Time.
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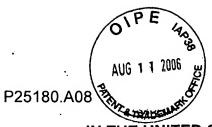
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 11, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 11, 2006, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.